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TREASON TO HEARST.

The City Hall Gang Are Determined to Revenge His Prosecution of Alderman Brennan.

And with the Exception of Secretary Lahiff Are Playing Very Low Underhanded Politics.

Mr. Lahiff Is Openly and Above Board Against Hearst and Acknowledges the Fact.

Mr. Lahiff's Office the Headquarters of Powers and of the Williams Propaganda.

"Down with Hearst" Is the City Hall Battle Cry. "Foul Him All You Can."

Tuesday morning's Examiner, in discussing the move for a receivership in connection with the County Democracy, said:

"This latest coup was planned in the office of Secretary Edward M. Lahiff, who has been conducting the fight on behalf of the Powers faction."

"Early in the afternoon Mr. Lahiff invited to his office Messrs. Fyffe, Devine and Dawson. After the lawyers and Mr. Lahiff had parleyed for some time it was decided to begin the chancery proceedings."

All of the fight against the presidential candidacy of William Randolph Hearst is directed from the same office.

Inasmuch as all of the political movements of the Senatorial Alderman, John Powers, are being directed by Mr. Lahiff, how can the Senatorial Alderman be for Mr. Hearst any more than Mr. Powers' pal, Alderman John Brennan, can be for Mr. Hearst.

Mr. Lahiff has never disguised his open antagonism to Mr. Hearst or his fealty to Mr. Williams. On his return from Washington a few weeks ago, Mr. Lahiff was quoted by the daily newspapers as saying:

"I found Congressman Williams in a most happy frame of mind. He authorized me to say that he was intensely gratified at the talk of Mayor Harrison and the evidences of favor which he received from Chicago. He showed me letters from many parts of Illinois, congratulating him on the Presidential boom and pledging support. It is evident from these letters and other indications that Illinois will be almost, if not absolutely, a unit behind Congressman Williams."

When Robert E. Burke came out for Hearst for President, Powers, at the instigation of Mr. Lahiff, declared war upon him.

The whole fight by the City Hall faction in the County Democracy is put up to prevent an endorsement of William Randolph Hearst by that organization.

And yet some of the cheap members of the City Hall gang are trying to fool Hearst's friends into the belief that they are for him.

But the City Hall gang are not for Hearst in any manner, shape or form that is tinged with sincerity.

The members of the City Hall gang are for anything that Harrison wants.

Harrison wants Williams, because Williams has promised Harrison, in return for Cook County delegates, to make Harrison National Committee man and also delegate at large to the National convention.

Many of the Harrison gang are pretending to be with Hearst in order to prevent the real Hearst men from doing any effective work.

When the time comes the Harrison gangsters now pretending fealty to Hearst will obey their boss and be for Williams.

The following, from the Baltimore Sun, speaks for itself:

"The dispatch from Chicago, published in the Sun recently, announcing an agreement among Illinois Democrats to support Representative James Williams, of Illinois, for the Presidency, was confirmed at the Capitol recently."

Mr. Williams, who is one of the wheel-horses of Democracy, who in 1900 was considered as a candidate for the Vice Presidency, acknowledged to

the Sun's correspondent recently that he expected the support of his State in the Democratic National convention for the Presidential nomination.

"Representative James McAndrews, Democrat, of Chicago, stated that Mr. Williams had the support of Mayor Carter H. Harrison as well as of other elements of the Democracy in Illinois, and that at the next National convention a solid delegation from that State will vigorously support him for the nomination."

Mr. Hearst might have a solid delegation from Cook County to the National convention but for the duplicity of some men in the City Hall Pay who have forced themselves into the Hearst movement for the purpose of betraying it.

"Absolutely the only Alderman whose word I can depend upon is Alderman John Brennan," the Mayor is quoted by the daily newspapers as saying. Well, the Mayor is grateful to Brennan for electing him last spring. Without the 5,000 majority that Brennan gave him in the Eighteenth ward, Harrison would have been defeated. No wonder the Mayor is credited with a \$1,000 subscription to the Brennan defense fund.

A petition has been filed in the courts to restrain the Board of Education from permitting the use of two public schoolrooms for religious services. If we had a Mayor who understood and was prepared to maintain the rights of the people no such court proceedings would be necessary. But unfortunately we haven't. With the spectacle of the burial of the dead prevented by the lawless mobs, the sacred services of the churches interrupted by blasphemous acrobats, the sick prevented from being taken to hospital, and the very churches themselves invested by "pickets," while the Harrison School Board undertakes to violate the constitution by permitting religious services in the public schools, where such services have no place, is it any wonder that the people of Chicago are asking themselves what kind of a Mayor have we got, anyway?

One of our daily contemporaries gives vent to a long, loud wall about the slushy conditions of the streets, the depth of the snow on the sidewalks, and tries to reason it out that the citizens were to blame. The contemporary in question is the Chicago American. The citizens, our contemporary should know, if it knew more about Chicago, are not to blame. The Supreme Court decided the point long ago that property owners and residents cannot be forced to clean their sidewalks from snow. It is the business of the city administration. It is such newspapers as the American, such political Warwicks as those of the Eighteenth Ward, who are to blame, because they are in great measure responsible for Harrisonism. There's where the trouble lies.

Hasn't it come to a pretty pass when an anti-crime committee of citizens has to be formed in the city of Chicago?

Have we a city administration, and if so, what is it for? Now that the people have to do the work for which it is

maintained, would it not be simple decency for Harrison and the payroll brigade to abdicate?

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dying, but that's what they get for showing such poor judgment as to die just at this time." This is not only an insane attempt at a joke, but it is also a piece of ribaldry directed against the most sacred feelings of humanity and the very hearts of scores of Chicago citizens. But neither the dead nor the dying can expect mercy from the canon's mouth.

There will be a tremendous conflagration in municipal circles if the fire department is disrupted by the Graft investigation. There are many signs of incendiaryism in this city just now, and the attack upon the fire department by Harrison's friends is not the least of them.

President Carter, of the Drainage Board, is making his business knowledge and ability felt. His order permitting more water to pass over the Lockport dam has been not only of local benefit to the people of Joliet, but has brought the problem of the use of the water power there for the benefit of the city of Chicago within measurable distance of solution.

Hon. Andrew J. Graham, the well known banker, is going to locate one of the finest business blocks in Chicago at the corner of Halsted and Madison streets. Mr. Graham has done more for the West Side than any other business man we know of.

George E. Brennan, secretary of the Democratic State Central Committee, has returned from his wedding trip to Europe, and will open up the State Democratic headquarters at the Sherman House the first of the new year. There is no more influential man in the Democratic party than Mr. Brennan. He knows Illinois like a book, and has endeavored himself to the rank and file of the Democratic party in this State.

There are hand books in Evanston! Just think of it! We thought the people out there heard of anything but prayer books.

Mr. L. A. Goddard is one of the most capable financiers in the country. As head of one of the greatest financial institutions of this city, he has earned the confidence and esteem of the entire public.

Chief O'Neill and Hoyt King have been exchanging complimentary remarks about each other. Both gentlemen should be careful.

It is said now that several of the Republican county conventions will be held before January 27, the date fixed for the Republican love feast at Springfield. It would thus seem to be likely

that there would be several large sections of political taffy missing at the feast, but who will miss them does not appear.

There are many good citizens who believe that the "blow struck at vagrancy" by the City Council may be felt only by those who do not deserve it. It is designed to impose a penalty of from \$50 to \$100 upon all persons found upon the streets and in public places who cannot give the police a satisfactory reason for their appearance. It is a safe bet to make that this ordinance will not be enforced against the anarchistic pickets at the houses of the dead.

Hon. F. H. Rowe, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, is admittedly one of the ablest leaders of the party in this State. He will repeat his splendid record in the approaching campaign of 1904.

Another uncalculated attack upon the Lake Street Elevated road was made in the city council last Monday. The signs on the road have been ordered down. The object of this particular move cannot be fathomed. But the people are against and will stand against all anarchistic efforts to destroy their useful institutions, including the elevated railroads.

It is not the saloons that are properly to blame for the various charges and troubles laid at their doors. It is some of those who enter them. The saloons pay license for their business, but many of those who go in by side doors pay nothing for their licentiousness, and afterwards howl loudest for public morality.

Announcements that Chief Musham has decided to retire from the management of the fire department are but the inventions of reporters short of copy. Chief Musham is an able chief and there is no real reason why he should retire.

Most American citizens believe that the public schools should not be named after any individual, native or foreign born. There are other and better ways of designating them. New York numbers its schools.

Gov. Yates is conducting his gubernatorial campaign in a dignified and yet energetic manner. The Governor has covered the State from one end to the other. He has greeted his friends and met his critics and his enemies in admirable style. It cannot be denied by any fair-minded person that Gov. Yates' administration has been a good one, and that the State institutions were never better conducted than during his regime.

THE PEOPLE CAN WALK

The Awful Harrison Administration Now Propose to Make the People Trudge Down Town.

His Kidlets Would Abolish the Elevated Loop and Close the Tunnels to Traffic.

The People Would Have to Walk to Their Destination Through Seas. of Mud.

While the Yellow Kid Continually Howls That the Streets Belong to the People,

He Would Force Everybody Having Business Down Town to Plod Through Filthy Thoroughfares.

The latest attack upon the rights and privileges of the people of Chicago by the present city administration is the "guerrilla warfare" which has been declared against the Union Elevated loop.

If Harrison's administration is to have its way the loop will be torn down, the tunnels closed to street car traffic, and the public thereby subjected to untold inconvenience and misery.

If one will pause to think of the hundreds of thousands of people who have business that brings them daily to the down town district and who rely upon the loop to bring them to their destination, one will at once realize the enormity of this proposition.

And yet this is the present policy of the Harrison administration which has been time and again carried into effect on the cry of "the streets belong to the people."

If the streets belong to the people upon what grounds can Harrison undertake to deprive the people of the use of them?

The idea of dumping the people a mile away from their business and compelling them to plod their way down town with the streets in the awful condition into which they have been allowed to fall by this administration is simply intolerable.

The latest move in this direction consists of the cross bills filed by the Harrison administration to compel the removal of the loop. The agitation for the closing of the tunnels is being kept going by every plan that can be devised.

President Clarence A. Knight, of the Lake Street Elevated road, puts the situation tersely and concisely, as follows:

"The city's cross bills are a direct attack upon vested rights," said Mr. Knight, "and in my opinion the lawyers who drew them ought to be disbarred. All that the city seeks to do is to prevent the building of the extended platforms, and its attack beyond that point is pure pretense. It is simply guerrilla warfare."

Mr. Knight is one of the greatest lawyers of the Chicago bar, and a man whose experience in municipal affairs adds weight and value to what he has to say in this respect.

People are wondering what has been done to influence a criterion of real estate men to bring about a rehabilitation of the old defunct water meter ordinance.

This is being worked in a shrewd manner but the public is on to the game and will not permit it to go through.

The talk about waste of water is mere bosh and buncombe.

Everybody who knows anything knows that the more water there is used the better it will be for the health of the city. The sewers of Chicago have never been flushed under the present administration, and the present epidemic of typhoid, diphtheria and scarlet fever is nothing to what we may expect if the present condition of filth is added to by an ordinance restricting still further, the use of water.

The installation of a water meter system would also mean a general increase in rents all over the city, and would work serious injury to the

property owners besides. But the City Hall gang does not care whether rents are raised, property owners mulcted and the people killed off by epidemics or not, so long as they can get their graft.

Chicago has not as yet, at all events a complete monopoly on the gambling and graft scandal. Its godly and angelic neighbor, Evanston, is also wrestling with the evil one these times. Several of its officials and employees are just now being investigated on charges of gambling.

As predicted by the Eagle, when the council committee on local transportation threw its doors open for the fullest public discussion, the blatherers who mistake noise and violence for reason and argument were not in evidence. The second public session of the committee had the same experience as the first. The only feature of the last session was the blatant avowal by one Lloyd that no traction ordinance can be passed or will be countenanced under any circumstances by the Socialistic elements of Chicago. This is certainly interesting. But then under the Harrison administration "the streets belong to the people, you see." And the anarchists think that they are the people.

Chief O'Neill has notified the anarchists leaders who have been interfering with the last rites and sepulture of the dead, that the law will be enforced by the police. Well, well, wonders will never cease!

It has been announced that among the strong accessions to the Hearst standard in the presidential campaign was an individual of the name of Gearon, who has been gazetted as "the William J. Bryan mascot." Hasn't there been a mistake here? Bryan has been doing business exclusively with hoodlums.

It is now very evident that the charges which have been brought against Fire Chief Musham should in justice be made against his accusers. Provoking disorganization, incompetency, disorder due to internal strife, etc., are due not to Musham's conduct, but to that of his critics in and outside of the department.

Four thousand dollars has been added to the funds of the Policemen's Benevolent Association by the Chicago City Railway on account of the work done by the department in the capture of the car barn robbers. It is an ill wind that blows nobody good.

The Chicago American and Examiner do not appear to be very patriotic, from the local standpoint, so far as the question of the location of the Democratic National convention is concerned. We quote from the American: "As between Chicago, St. Louis and New York there exists no comparison as to availability, convenience and accommodations for the great crowd that the convention is sure to attract. St. Louis, it is contended, will be jammed with visitors to the exposition, and out of the question—guards holding the convent—where, while Chicago is